

a pipe support having a cavity adapted to receive a curved section of pipe, the pipe support being mounted to the base for rotation about a rotational axis;

an arm extending into the cavity of the pipe support;

an applicator head mounted to the arm;

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a rotational drive adapted to rotate the pipe support about the rotational axis;

a controller adapted to control rotational speed of the rotational drive and coordinate movement of the arm and the position of the applicator head with the rotational positioning of the pipe support; and

the pipe support having longitudinal guides, movable members engaging the longitudinal guides, the movable members being adapted for attachment to a curved section of pipe, and a guidance source which provides a linear pulling force to the movable members, thereby moving the curved section of pipe along the longitudinal guides, the longitudinal guides providing an arcuate guide path to compensate for a curvature of the pipe.

REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank **Examiner Johnson** for the analysis contained in the Examination Report dated **July 28, 2000**. In particular, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner that allowable subject matter has been shown in Claims 6 through 28, subject to the objection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 being addressed regarding Claims 6 through 16.

Election/Restriction

The Applicants confirm the provisional election and cancel Claims 1 through 5 from the application, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to assert the claims in a continuation application.

Priority Claim

The Applicants thank the Examiner for drawing attention to the fact that the priority claim has not been completed by the filing of a certified copy of the Canadian priority application. The Applicants have ordered a certified copy of the priority document and will submit the same in response to the Notice of Allowance.